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Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.

[Project No. 9222-032]

Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

- a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- b. Project No.: 9222-032
- c. Date Filed: January 31, 2017
- d. Submitted By: Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.
- e. Name of Project: Yaleville Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: On Raquette River, in St. Lawrence County, New York. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations
- h. Potential Applicant Contact: Steven Murphy, Brookfield Renewable, 33 West 1st Street South, Fulton, NY; (315) 598-6130; e-mail steven.murphy@brookfieldrenewable.com.
- i. FERC Contact: Dustin Wilson at (202) 502-6528; or e-mail at dustin.wilson@ferc.gov.
- j. Erie Boulevard Hydropower filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on January 31, 2017. Erie Boulevard Hydropower provided public notice of its request on January 27, 2017. In a letter dated March 30, 2017, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Erie Boulevard Hydropower's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and

the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402. We are also initiating consultation with the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

- 1. With this notice, we are designating Erie Boulevard Hydropower as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- m. Erie Boulevard Hydropower filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (http://www.ferc.gov), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.
- o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 9222-032. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by January 31, 2020.
- p. Register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

DATED: March 30, 2017

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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